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HEADLINES

Noon news

NHK led with a report that Chinese President Xi was reelected as the head of the Chinese Communist Party and a new leadership lineup was unveiled in China today. Most commercial networks gave top play to reports that the Party of Hope will hold a meeting of its members from both houses in the Diet this afternoon, saying that there are growing calls for Koike to take responsibility for the party's loss in the election.

INTERNATIONAL

Ivanka Trump to deliver speech at global conference on women in Japan

NHK reported this afternoon that Chief Cabinet Secretary Suga announced at a press conference this morning that President Trump's daughter Ivanka will attend a special event next month at the fourth annual "WAW!2017," an international conference aimed at creating a "society where women can shine" -- one of the priorities of the Abe administration. The network said the GOJ will host the conference at a Tokyo hotel from Nov. 1 to 3. The network quoted Suga as saying: "Top leaders from Japan and around the world who work actively in various sectors will discuss measures to promote women's participation in society and make proposals." Suga also reportedly said that Ivanka Trump will deliver a keynote speech on the theme of women's economic participation and entrepreneurship. The network added that IMF Managing Director Lagarde and former Ambassador Kennedy have delivered speeches at the conference in the past.

- [Trump's Japan trip to showcase warm ties with Abe](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Trump, Abe to focus on alliance, N. Korea, Indo-Pacific: U.S.](#) (Kyodo News)

- [Golf: Matsuyama calls golf with Abe, Trump 'once-in-a-lifetime' event](#) (Kyodo News)
- [World leaders congratulate Abe on election win](#) (Sankei)
- [PM Abe moves to strengthen pressure on North Korea after Lower House election](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Duterte to make 3-day visit to Japan from Oct. 29](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Abe's special adviser meets Myanmar's Suu Kyi](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Abe's aide to visit Singapore](#) (Nikkei)
- [New TITP for nursing care to begin in November](#) (Mainichi)

ECONOMY

- [Editorial: The U.S. should change its posture that endangers NAFTA](#) (Nikkei)
- [INTERVIEW: Froman sees Japan-U.S. FTA talks unlikely to come soon](#) (Jiji Press)
- [Toyota halves output target for planned Mexico plant](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Commentary: Scandal-prone Japan Inc. could learn from airlines on crash avoidance](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Japanese now hold 1,000tn yen worth of foreign assets](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)

POLITICS

- [Prime minister's schedule on Oct. 24, 2017](#) (Nikkei)
- [Cartoon: PM Abe](#) (Sankei)
- [Survey of newspaper editorials on ruling parties' landslide victory in Lower House election](#) (Sankei)
- [Editorial: Weakened, fractured opposition needs to band together at faction level](#) (The Mainichi)
- [Female lawmakers faced with 10% "ceiling" in Lower House](#) (Asahi)
- [Koike mums on whether to resign as party leader over election loss](#) (Kyodo News)
- [CDPJ taps Tsujimoto as Diet affairs chair](#) (Asahi)

- [DP members elected as independents in Lower House election to form new floor group](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Editorial: Abe must fortify growth potential to overcome deflation / Use U.S. alliance to resolve N. Korea crisis](#) (The Japan News)
- [Editorial: Abe needs to show public his 'humility,' 'sincerity'](#) (The Mainichi)

SOCIETY

“Quiet” switch to cheaper materials for appliances leads to accidents

NHK's "Close-up Gendai +" reported on the issue of Japanese household electrical appliances suddenly catching fire, saying that subcontractors in China and other nations are "quietly" changing the materials or specifications of products to save costs without notifying Japanese manufacturers. The program said such products are known as "silent time bombs" because they tend to catch fire or cause accidents several years after they are manufactured.

SECURITY

- [U.S. Army Korea allegedly requests joint drills with GSDF, relocation to Japan in contingency](#) (FACTA)

OKINAWA LOCAL PRESS

Documents indicate possibility of active fault in seabed near Henoko

Ryukyu Shimpo led with a report saying that it has learned that documents drafted by the Defense Agency in 2000 on the construction of the Futenma replacement facility include information about a 50-meter-deep trench in the seabed below the FRF construction site off Henoko. While saying that the documents did not specify whether the trench is part of an active fault, the paper wrote that its presence casts doubt on the appropriateness of the current site for the construction of the FRF.

- [Municipalities hosting Kadena AB lodge protest against F-35A deployment](#) (Ryukyu Shimpo)
- [Ginowan mayor requests early return of Futenma in meetings with USG officials](#) (Okinawa Times, Ryukyu Shimpo)

